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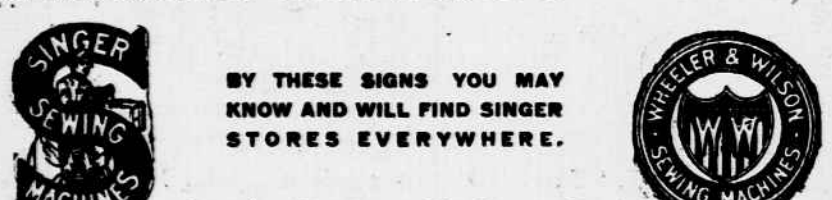
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CORONER'S JURY ACTS

Holds "Ducky" Holmes to Answer Murder Charge.

RIGHT NAME IS SCHRIFOGLE

Letters Written by Prisoner Give Details of Tragedy.

INTENDED TO KILL HIMSELF

Gives Advice to Friends—Testimony Submitted at the Inquest Conducted This Morning.

Charged with the murder of Mrs. Mary Ellen Hamilton, Henry L. Schrifogle, alias Holmes, was brought here from Baltimore yesterday afternoon by Detective Cornwell and detained at the sixth precinct police station. This morning he was taken to the morgue, where an inquest was held, and it required practically no consultation on the part of the jurors to reach a verdict holding Schrifogle for the death of Mrs. Hamilton. From the morgue the prisoner was taken to police headquarters to be measured and photographed before being taken to jail. Detective Cornwell brought with him from Glenburnie, Md., the place where the alleged murderer was arrested, three letters that Schrifogle had written four days before the homicide was committed. The letters showed that Schrifogle had thought over the matter of killing Mrs. Hamilton and himself, and that he had even studied out the details of the proposed double tragedy. In the letters he told of his great love for Mrs. Hamilton, but said she had made him unhappy by flirting and going with other men. He also made the charge that she had spent his money for jewelry, which she gave to others. One letter was addressed to the mother of his victim, another to his mother, sisters and brothers and the third was addressed to his friends.

Letter to Mrs. Grove. The letter he addressed to Mrs. Grove requested her to notify his mother of his death. After saying she had done the part of a mother by him he wrote:

"Well, no doubt you will be a little surprised when you see myself and your daughter lying dead side by side, but still at the same time you will know why I killed Mary. I was not a bad man, I was without explaining to you, as you know very well why I did this rash act."

Schrifogle gave the information that his killing of Mrs. Hamilton was not prevent another tragedy in his family.

"I will swear it is not your fault, for your daughter's wrongdoings. Good-bye, Mrs. Grove, I hope we will meet in heaven."

On the other side of the paper he wrote a message to his mother, sisters and brothers. He complained to her that he had been treated so shabbily by Mrs. Hamilton. "The only girl I ever loved," that he had been worried and driven almost crazy by her.

"I am very sorry to think that I have got to take my sweetheart's life and my own," he wrote. "Shortly after shooting her I was in a bad way. I was all alone and that will end all of my troubles."

In conclusion he asked his mother's forgiveness and requested that his last wish, which was to be buried in the same place of ground, be granted.

Advice for Friends. The third letter reads:

"To My Friends, Old and Young: Do not get wrapped up in any woman. If you do, I will give you a little advice. If you do and she goes wrong, it will no doubt make you do the same as I have done; that is, if you really care for her, do not let her go. I will get onto the job. Some people will say I was a fool for doing this, but I tell you when you have done it, you will say I do believe I would have done the same thing. Good-bye, old friends, one and all. I remain no more."

H. L. HOLMES.

Correct Name of Prisoner. Schrifogle is the correct name of the prisoner. His friends, when he was a boy, called him "Ducky," and he himself assumed the name of Holmes. The maiden name of his mother, but he enlisted in the Marine Corps under the name Henry L. Holmes. His mind, he declares, is a blank as to what occurred in the house at the moment the shots were fired. He was going in search of the body of his victim, and finding it in front of a five-cent theater on Pennsylvania avenue with a man who was called "Ducky" and a woman who was called "Ducky."

"I know I went upstairs," he said, "and I know the pistol was under my pillow." Schrifogle said that he bought a new engine in the vicinity of the Pennsylvania avenue bridge and rode to a point near Benning. The fireman gave him an old coat and hat. It was not until after his return to Baltimore that he told Detective Cornwell that he had left the coat hanging in the kitchen at the house of Howard Watts, where he had been arrested. The detective drove back there and got the garment. He found the loaded revolver and cartridges in the pockets of the coat. Schrifogle did not kill himself while the detectives were endeavoring to effect an entrance to the house, thinking they were going to the closet and covering himself with a sheet.

"If you did not intend to kill the woman," the detective said to the prisoner, "why did you write those letters?"

"It was a habit I had," was his response. "I would write them and leave them about the house, thinking they might have some effect upon her and make her change her conduct."

The Testimony. Fred Sanberg, official photographer of the police department, was the first witness called. He identified photographs showing the body of the Hamilton woman as it was lying on the floor of the Duncan street house.

Policeman Allen stated that he was the first policeman to arrive at the scene of the shooting. He identified the photographs as being a correct view of the room and of the dead body lying on the floor of the parlor.

James W. Turner, 434 1/2 Tennessee avenue northeast, from the rear of his house heard sounds of quarreling at the Groves home, and heard some one cry: "He has murdered my girl." Witness went to the house and the mother of the Hamilton woman told him that "Ducky" Holmes had shot her daughter. The sound he heard before he went to the house indicated that some one was in distress and was pleading with some one.

In a later conversation Mrs. Groves, mother of the Hamilton woman, told the witness that Mrs. Hamilton had refused to marry Holmes and that Holmes had threatened to kill her if he ever saw her with another man.

George F. Anderson, residing at 1421 Duncan street, and adjoining his residence lived Mrs. Groves. Mrs. Mary E. Hamilton and Holmes. Witness heard quarrels once or twice in the Groves house since July 4, when he moved in the neighborhood.

Two months ago he heard Holmes threaten to kill the Hamilton woman, saying "that she did not do what was right he would kill her." Tuesday night last, witness stated, he heard Mrs. Groves begging "Ducky" to stop shooting her daughter. "Ducky" was not to shoot her daughter. This was about two minutes before he heard the shots. He also heard Mrs. Hamilton cry out: "Oh Ducky, stop!"

Witness then ran to the Groves house, and being unable to get in at the door, crawled through a window into a room and found Mrs. Hamilton

lying on the floor bleeding from pistol wounds.

Robert L. Warden, 1427 Duncan street, testified he was at his home eating his supper when he heard a noise in his back yard. He went to his rear door in time to see a man, whom he thought to be "Ducky" Holmes going over a back fence. He then heard Mrs. Groves crying out: "Ducky, stop!" and she called him to help her. The witness was the first of the neighbors to go into the house. He found Mrs. Hamilton lying on the floor. He then left the house to get a physician. Witness had heard quarreling in the Groves house, Holmes, he said, was a boarder there.

Witness had never heard Holmes threaten the life of the Hamilton woman.

Holmes Showed Anger. Joseph L. Baker of the Hospital Corps at Washington barracks was the next witness. He was in a restaurant Monday night, and Holmes and Mrs. Hamilton were there. Witness was acquainted with the Hamilton woman and was by her introduced to Holmes. Holmes seemed angry, and after witness left he saw Holmes shove the woman around. Later he returned and Holmes told him of his troubles with the Hamilton woman, and he saw a revolver in the possession of Holmes in Maryland near Baltimore, was handed him as the one Holmes had.

Holmes said to the witness that he would use the revolver if he saw the Hamilton woman going with any other man. Holmes was not drunk, but seemed to be very jealous. Mrs. Hamilton was employed as a waitress in the restaurant at 8th and L streets in which the witness met Holmes. The prisoner was identified by the witness as the man he met Monday night last.

Detective Cornwell, who arrested Holmes in Maryland, testified that the conversation he had with Holmes, which has been published.

Dr. H. V. Baker, who performed the autopsy, found three wounds on the body of the Hamilton woman. One over the apex of the heart, another in the body passing through the lungs, and the third in the neck. Powder marks on the head near the left ear showed that the revolver had been fired. Two .38-caliber balls were removed from the body. Two of the wounds were necessarily fatal.

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Vessels Sustain Damage in Storm. Tugs have been sent from New York to make a search for the big steel hull schooner barge of the Consolidation Coal Company which was abandoned by the tug Savage off Barnegat during a storm early in the week. It is feared that the vessel has gone to the bottom. The steel barge No. 28, with wooden barges Nos. 8 and 20, were being taken up the coast with cargoes of coal aboard by the Savage, and in the heavy gale of Monday night the barge was blown overboard, but the steel vessel became unseaworthy and had to be abandoned. Her crew of two persons were taken to the schooner. The tug had her rudder broken, and it was with difficulty she made port.

The missing barge was a new vessel, having been built at Camden, N. J., last year. There is a possibility she may still be afloat on the beach where she can be saved, but the chances in favor of this are small. The gale Monday and Tuesday was of exceptional severity and several vessels known at this port were damaged. The tug "Five Fathom Bank" lost an anchor and chain and had her decks repeatedly swept by the seas. Her cabins were flooded and her machinery was split. She put into Vineyard Haven for repairs, and will probably tow to her destination. The schooner Mount Hope lost her mast and was slightly damaged, and the schooner Independent and M. O. Teel also suffered slight damage from the heavy seas.

Repairs to Tugboats. The tug Rosalie, belonging to the Smoot Coal Company of this city, is hauled out on the marine railway at the Alexandria shipyard, having a new rudder fitted and return to service early the coming week. The tug "Five Fathom Bank" lost an anchor and chain and had her decks repeatedly swept by the seas. Her cabins were flooded and her machinery was split. She put into Vineyard Haven for repairs, and will probably tow to her destination. The schooner Mount Hope lost her mast and was slightly damaged, and the schooner Independent and M. O. Teel also suffered slight damage from the heavy seas.

The tug Camilla of the Taylor fleet of this city is still laid up, with a large portion of her machinery ashore, to be rebuilt. How long the vessel will be out of service is not definitely known, as she is to be put in thorough order for towing in ice during the winter should any form on the river.

The tug William H. Yerkes, also of the Taylor fleet of this city, has been out of service at a Baltimore shipyard for the past two weeks receiving a general overhauling of her hull and machinery in preparation for winter work on Chesapeake bay and the Potomac. The Yerkes will return to service within the next week or ten days.

Policeman a Kidnaped. The kidnaping of Marquis Giuseppe Cito, a cousin and aid of King Victor Emmanuel, who, after being tortured and forced to give up \$500 was released by his captors, has caused great astonishment through the discovery that the organizer of the plot is in reality a policeman. On being arrested he confessed.

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PLAN FOR A GREAT SCIENTIFIC SURVEY.

HONOLULU, November 22, via San Francisco, November 20.—Articles incorporating the Pacific Scientific Institution have been filed with the territorial treasurer. The incorporation is for the purpose of carrying out a complete ethnographical and biological survey of the thousands of islands in the Pacific ocean before the progress of civilization has so modified conditions that original research and records of primitive conditions will be impossible.

The plan for carrying out the survey and financing is that of William Alanson Bryan curator of natural history at the Bishop Museum in Honolulu and an authority on the ornithology of the Pacific ocean. It has the approval of a large number of the foremost men of science and affairs both in America and Great Britain. Mr. Bryan having traveled extensively in the interest of his idea.

The plan involves the establishment of zoological gardens, biological laboratories, botanical gardens and administrative and library buildings in Honolulu, as the working base of operations, with a suitable vessel fitted for exploration and making systematic cruises to each group of islands with scientific men for complete field work. It is estimated that the work can be done in about fifteen years. The initial expense is estimated at about \$400,000 and the annual expenses for the fifteen years at about \$400,000.

WAR VETERAN DEAD. Passing of Alexander Hughes, a Former Minn. Dakotan.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., November 20.—Alexander Hughes, for many years prominent in South Dakota politics, died at his home at Kenwood, a suburb of Minneapolis, Sunday, aged sixty-two years.

To Mr. Hughes was partly due the removal of the capital of old Dakota territory from Yankton to Bismarck after a long fight. He was chairman of the capital commission.

It was from Anamosa, Iowa, that Mr. Hughes went to Elk Point, in Dakota territory, where he practiced law, and was recognized for years as a leading member of the Dakota bar. For a time he was registrar of the land office at Yankton. He also served as attorney general of the territory. He went to Bismarck when the capital was moved to that city, and at Bismarck he added to his fame as a lawyer.

After coming to Minneapolis he became engaged in the electrical business, and gathered together a fortune of about \$250,000. He built himself a fine residence at Kenwood.

TRIED TO END HER LIFE. A Deserted Wife Attempts Suicide at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, November 20.—Mrs. Elsie Vera English, 550 Hollins street, whose husband recently left her, decided yesterday that she had nothing for which to be thankful, and in an attempt to end her suffering took a quantity of poison. She was found in a semi-conscious condition shortly before 1 o'clock by her father, Mr. John E. Wayson, 308 North Gilmer street, who had gone to see his daughter about her matrimonial troubles.

Mr. Wayson there found a note, which was addressed to him, pinned on her dress. The note read: "I am Mrs. Elsie Vera English. My husband has left me. My life is no longer for me. Let my mother take care of my little baby. My husband's people live at 1109 Bowen street. Tell him to take care of my body. His loving wife, ELSE."

After reading the note Mr. Wayson went to the front door and called Patrolman Addison of the Western district. When told what had taken place, the patrolman immediately sent a hurry call for the ambulance and had the woman taken to the University Hospital, where the physicians saw that she was suffering from drug poisoning and hysteria, and that her condition was serious.

Mrs. English has been married about two years, her husband being John English, a motorman in the employ of the United Railways and Electric Company. Despite the fact that she is thought to have taken poison no drug could be found in the room except a bottle of medicine on the mantel which had evidently been prescribed for her.

HARBINGER OF HAPPINESS. Bryan Says He Is the Evangel of Confidence.

NEW YORK, November 20.—William Jennings Bryan described himself yesterday as an "evangel of confidence." He had thrown his broad shoulders into a huge overcoat in the corridor of the Hoffman House preparatory to boarding Bird S. Coler's automobile to be whirled by the Brooklyn borough president to the Grand Central station.

"Yes, I am an evangel of confidence," repeated Mr. Bryan, as he shouldered his big coat into position. "Once I was a victim of confidence, but now things have reversed themselves. I am going to shout confidence from the roof tops. What our people need is confidence. This money panic is not a panic at all. It is a scare,

DEFENDS THE KAISER

VON BUELOW SAYS EMPEROR COULD NOT BE INFLUENCED.

BERLIN, November 20.—Yesterday's sitting of the reichstag was notable for the energetic speech of Prince von Buelow, the German imperial chancellor, in defense of the army, the emperor and himself. In replying to Dr. Spahn, the leader of the center party, who asserted that conditions prevailing in the army recalled those of ancient heathen Rome, the chancellor rose, full of fire, and declared that no one imagined that new whole army was affected by a few instances of unworthiness, the rooting out of which, the chancellor assured the house, would be sharply attended to by the emperor, than whom no one strove more for a high tone of morality in both the army and the nation.

It was the crown prince, he said, who had called his father's attention to the article in the Zukunft disclosing corruption with the result that immediate action was taken in the matter. He pointed out that neither the chancellor nor the ministers could take such a step without holding proofs of their assertions.

The So-Called Camarilla. Prince von Buelow then referred to the so-called camarilla, which is widely alleged to have been influencing the emperor's decisions. No one, he said, had ever accused the emperor of being without his own will, and the camarilla could only exist where the monarch was willing. Such a poisonous growth as a camarilla, he declared, was utterly un-German, and reports regarding its existence could be taken as being without foundation.

In concluding his address the chancellor denied the assertion that he had solved the last reichstag in order to protect himself against personal attacks relating to his supposed participation in intrigues. The reason for such action, he said, was the obstruction offered by the center party, which desired to pit its strength against the nation's will. Any chancellor who had submitted to such a course would have forfeited the confidence of the nation.

Direct Taxation Impossible. Freiherr von Stengel, secretary of the imperial treasury, stated that direct taxation could not be raised in consequence of the increase in the cost of living, and the government must rely upon the indirect method; but as yet he was not prepared to state by what means he hoped to bring the empire's finances to a sound condition.

The representatives of virtually every group, with the exception of the socialists, were in the chamber, and were prepared to vote for the augmentation of appropriations for the army and navy if it was proved in committee that this was necessary for the defense of the country. Dr. Spahn greeted the emperor's visit to England as a sign of better relations between the two nations, and he declared that the powerful center party was not opposed to the Polish expropriation bill, which, in his opinion, would give America and other countries further reason for their impression that freedom was unknown in Germany.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED. Uncle George Allison, Civil War Veteran, Passes Away.

BALTIMORE, November 20.—"Uncle George" Allison, aged seventy-five years, a veteran of the civil war and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, was found dead yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock in his home, at 130 West West street, where he resided alone. "Uncle George" had been known to the residents of South Baltimore, lived in that section of the city all his life except during the war, when he joined the 6th Maryland and was honorably discharged.

After the war he fitted up a boat and carried on a fishing business on the bay. It was on one of his trips that he met a widow at Cambridge, whom he made his wife and whom he survived but a few months. After an exchange of letters he gave up fishing and since the death of his wife he lived alone. His sole support had been a pension from Uncle Sam.

As he did not appear yesterday morning, as was his custom, Thomas Murray, a young man who resides in the neighborhood, called on the old soldier yesterday afternoon. He discovered Mr. Allison sitting upright on his bed dead.

Coroner Reinhardt, southern district, was notified, and after an examination gave a certificate of death, which he said was due to an organic disease of the heart and arteries.

The deceased, whose name was George Washington Allison, and he was born seventy-five years ago in a house which stood for many years on Columbia avenue and Scott street. He is survived by six children. The deceased's wife was Rebecca Turner.

A Pretty Jumper Frook in Plaid.

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4267—Overblouse or jumper dresses continue to hold their own in the extent of the up-to-date mother, and new designs are constantly being brought out to meet the undiminished demand for them. The dress illustrated shows one of the most attractive of these, the full blouse being pointed back and front in pretty effect, while the sleeve-cap is attached to the blouse across the shoulders with straps of the material. The attached skirt is a straight gathered one, trimmed with a bias band of the material, the edges of which like the edges of blouse, sleeve-cap and belt, are piped with velvet. Plaid serge was used for making, though any preferred fabric may be substituted; while the gumpie, which is included in the pattern, may be made of lawn, batiste or washable silk, as preferred. For the eight-year size one and one-quarter yards of 38-inch goods will be needed for the gumpie and three and one-quarter yards of 27-inch material for the dress.

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Boys, Here's an Extra Opportunity.

The above picture of Santa will appear in Sunday's Star. To the person sending or depositing the largest number of these pictures at Saks & Company's store, 7th and Pennsylvania avenue, before Tuesday, December 17, Santa Claus will give an order on Saks & Company for \$15 worth of goods. To the person sending in the second largest number of Pictures of Santa cut from The Sunday Star to Saks & Company Santa will give an order for \$5. To the third a \$3 order. To the fourth a \$2 order. In case of a tie the prize will be divided. Pictures from The Sunday Star are the only ones that count.